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1. REFTTEL INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZED US TO ACCEPT AN ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM OF THREE DAYS FOR DURATION OF STAGE III, AND WE HAVE TAKEN THIS POSITION FIRMLY IN ALL DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, GENERAL ASSUMPTION HERE IS THAT HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WILL NOT WISH TO TRAVEL TO HELSINKI ON A SUNDAY, AND FINNS HAVE POINTED OUT THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD BE POSED IF A LARGE NUMBER OF SPECIAL AIRCRAFT TRY TO LAND AT HELSINKI AIRPORT EARLY ON MONDAY MORNING. IT THEREFORE SEEMS APPARENT THAT A STRAIGHT THREE-DAY SCENARIO WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN ON A TUESDAY MORNING, AND WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR APPROXIMATELY AS SET OUT BELOW:

A. MONDAY -- ARIVALS.

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B. TUESDAY -- 10:00 A.M. OPENING SESSION WITH SPEECHES

BY KEKKONEN AND WALDHEIM FOLLOWED BY NATIONAL SPEECHES.

WORKING HOURS - 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. AND
3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

C. WEDNESDAY - NATIONAL SPEECHES. WORKING HOURS
AS ABOVE.

D. THURSDAY - NATIONAL SPEECHES FOLLOWED BY SIGNING
CEREMONY AND FORMAL CLOSURE. WORKING HOURS AS
ABOVE.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FREE TO DEPART AT 6:00 P.M.
(APPROX).

2. FINNS HAVE PROPOSED AND HAVE URGED US TO CONSIDER
CAREFULLY, A DIRRERENT SCENARIO CONSISTING OF THREE
WORKING DAYS OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS SPREAD OVER FOUR
CALENDAR DAYS. FINNISH CONCEPT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
APPEAR TO CONFORM PRECISELY WITH OUR INSTRUCTIONS, BUT
IT MAY HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF SCHEDULING THE
PRESIDENTS PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TAND FOLLOWING
THE CSCE SUMMIT. THIS SCENARIO WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MONDAY -- ARRIVALS PLUS OPENING CEREMONY IN LATE
AFTERNOON (ABOUT 5:00 P.M.) WITH KEKKONEN AND
WALDHEIM AS ONLY SPEAKERS.

B. TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY -- NATION SPEECHES.
WORKING HOURS: 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. AND
3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

C. THURSDAY -- FINAL SESSION FOR ANY LEFT OVER
SPEECHES, SIGNING CEREMONY AND FORMAL CLOSURE.
WORKING HOURS - 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (APPROX).
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FREE TO DEPART AT 1:00 P.M. (APPROX).

3. WE HAVE THUS FAR DEFENDED THE TYPE OF SCENARIO
SET OUT IN PARA 1 ABOVE, SINCE THIS SEEMS TO CONFORM
MOST CLOSELY TO OUR INSTRUCTIONS, BUT WE ARE UNCERTAIN
AS TO WHETHER REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS WOULD ALSO PERMIT
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US TO ACCEPT SCENARIO OF THREE WORKING DAYS SPREAD
OUT OVER FOUR CALENDAR DAYS, AS SET OUT IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SUCH A SCENARIO MIGHT PRESENT
ADVANTAGES FOR SCHEDULING BEFORE AND AFTER THE CSCE SUMMIT,
WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE BE PERMITTED THE FLEXIBILITY
TO AGREE TO SUCH A SCENARIO IF A CONSENSUS DEVELOPS
IN FAVOR OF IT. WE WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AT THIS

TIME AS TO WHICH OF THE ABOVE SCENARIOS WOULD BEST
FIT WITH OTHER TRAVEL PLANS BEFORE AND AFTER THE
CSCE SUMMIT MEETING. DEPARTMENT SHOULD REALIZE THAT
REACHING A CONSENSUS AMONG ALL PARTICIPATING STATES
MAY REQUIRE A CERTAIN FLEXIBILITY ON OUR PART, AND
WE WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT BE TOO
RIGIDLY ATTACHED TO EITHER POSSIBLE SCENARIO.

4. IN VIEW OF FINNIS ATTEMPTS TO PIN DOWN SCENARIO
AT NEXT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON ORGANIZATION OF
STAGE III, WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF
BUSINESS ON JULY 2.

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